

To: Federal Communications Commission

From: G. Powell – K9GP

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RE: RM-11305 & RM-11306

As an amateur radio operator licensed through your commission, I would first like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on RM-11305 and RM11306.

It is my opinion that this proposal does not reflect the best interest of the majority of amateur operators due to a certain degree of ambiguity. The ARRL appears to only be representing the few, and not the majority of its members. I believe that special interests are behind this proposal and therefore it is not in the best interest of the amateur community as a whole.

Between the two proposals, I believe these changes would be difficult at best to both enforce on the part of the FCC, as well as be difficult at best to insure compliance on the part of the amateur operator. As stated above, it appears to me that these changes would benefit only a few, and not the radio community as a whole. I feel that a small "test" area within a band or two would adequately provide the spectrum space desired by those few to perform whatever experiments they wish to in the interest of proving that broadband technology already exists, and is working fine. That being said, I further feel that allowing the wide use of broadband technology (or any other broad spectrum mode that gets developed) in the amateur bands is a BAD idea! There are those who seem to be of the belief that making amateur radio easier for people to use will increase said use. I do not subscribe to that theory and further believe that more people would use (and do use) what is already there if there were a way to react faster to those complaints and problems that arise now. Between what the presumably overworked and understaffed FCC, and what the amateur community is able to police and enforce now, I don't see how changing rules and spectrum will help anyone involved. There are already more rules and regulations that can be enforced adequately.

The use of automatic or semiautomatic stations to me follows the same thought. Radio is about operators and skills, NOT how much stuff can be automated and done by a computer. If people wish to send E-mail and mass quantities of documented information, then they should be using an appropriate means to do so, and I DO NOT feel that amateur radio is that means.

So in conclusion, I would ask that the FCC DISMISS, DENY, or otherwise not accept these proposed changes.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to voice my opinion. May God bless this country and the freedoms we have to continue to be able to express our opinions on those matters we each feel passionate about.

Sincerely,
s/Glen Powell – K9GP